

First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette
March 17, 2025, Governance Board Meeting

1. Welcome

Perry Brown reminisced about his childhood excitement when he welcomed his new baby brother into the family. As they grew older, he encountered a situation where his brother was involved in a fight with three other kids, prompting him to intervene and break it up. Later, he found his brother in tears, and when he inquired about the reason, his brother expressed his disdain for fighting. This experience highlighted the importance of being there for our loved ones, as we never know how much time we have left with them, even amidst the demands and needs of the world.

2. Attendance

Governance Board members present:

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| Perry Brown | Larry Huggins | Anna Clark | Carol Smith | John Norberg |
| Reid Hochstedler | Rebecca Kaverman | | | |

Others present: Ronda Kroeschen, Kory Pritchett

3. Opening Prayer

Kory Pritchett

4. Adoption of Agenda

5. Approval of Minutes

Carol Smith made the motion to accept the minutes, Anna Clark 2nd it. Approved.

6. Reports

a) Senior Pastor

Kory Pritchett reported on behalf of Duane Carlisle. He expressed his appreciation for the staff. He noted that without their support, this past Sunday could have turned chaotic. Charis and Talitha played crucial roles in the service and in assisting with locating an address and arranging transportation for a congregant, for which he is grateful. Additionally, he mentioned that he plans to return to the Pub Theology group this week, which he has heard is thriving.

b) Review and adopt Treasurer's Report

Larry Huggins noted that February was not our strongest month in terms of offerings, but March is shaping up to be promising. Regarding Morgan Stanley, January performed well, February was mediocre, and March has not started off well. We have received the interest from the Nola Gentry trust, totaling approximately \$52,000.00. The four beneficiaries of this trust are planning to discuss the potential sale of the Gentry farm soon.

c) Trustee Report

No report tonight.

7. New Business

We will be having a FUMC/DKUMC fellowship lunch on Sunday, March 30 at 12:00 PM (noon). DKUMC will be providing the food, and we encourage everyone to attend. Ronda has created

a Google form for RSVPs, which will be included in the Weekly Announcements. Additionally, she will ensure that the information is displayed on the table tents in the narthex.

8. Q & A

None

9. Closing

Perry Brown told us to look at the sanctuary and the remodeling. This is good.
Anna Clark gave the closing prayer.